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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. Please make the following changes prior to examination of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone prior to examination of the claims.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 46-49 without prejudice, and add the following new claims 81-91

81. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleic acid sequence:

(a)

CTGTATGTCAGCTTCCGAGACCTGGGCTGGCAGGACTGGATCATCGCGCCTG
AAGGCTACGCGCGCTACTACTGTGAGGGGGAGTGTGCCTTCCCTCTGAACTC
CTACATGAACGCCACCAACCACGCCATCGTGCAGACGCTGGTCCACTTCATC
AACCCGGAAACGGTGCCCAAGCCCTGCTGTGCGCCACGCAGCTCAATGCCA
TCTCCGTCCTCTACTTCGATGACAGCTCCAACGTCATCCTGAAGAAATACAGA
AACATGGTGGTCCGGGCCTGTGGCTGCCACTAGCTCCT (nucleotides 16-314 of

SEQ ID NO: 42), or

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